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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 10078 ACTION SECSTATE 3 JUL QUOTE

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE EMBASSY BEIRUT

1. FONOFF ASKS THAT AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PASS TO JAPANESE EMBASSY, BEIRUT, FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, MINIMIZE CONSIDERED; FONOFF HAS NO OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS PERSONNEL IN BEIRUT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE

FOR: AMBASSADOR SUGIURA OR DEPUTY OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN LEBANON:

1. IN VIEW OF DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IN LEBANON, IT IS JUDGED THAT OPERATIONS OF YOUR EMBASSY MUST TEMPORARILY BE SUSPENDED, AND THAT YOU AND ALL EMBASSY STAFF (INCLUDING FAMILIES, JAPANESE SERVANTS AND JAPANESE CLERKS LOCALLY HIRED) HAD BETTER EVACUATE FROM LEBANON. TIMING AND METHOD OF EVACUATION IS BASICALLY LEFT TO YOUR JUDGEMENT, BUT FIND SOME APPROPRIATE MEANS TO REACH ANY NEIGHBORING COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEFORE SUSPENDING EMBASSY OPERATION, TAKE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

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(1) PROTECTION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS

INFORM ABOVE TO JAPANESE RESIDENTS IN LEBANON
AND STRONGLY ADVISE THEM TO EVACUATE FROM COUNTRY.
WHEN CONVOY IS FORMED, ADVISE THEM TO JOIN IT.
CONFIRM NAMES OF THOSE WHO REMAIN, IF ANY.

(2) NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE EVACUATION
IN SUSPENDING EMBASSY OPERATION, LOOK UP
EMERGENCY OPERATION HAND BOOK (TELEGRAPHS PP 12 -
13, ACCOUNTING PP 45 - 46, ARCHIVES P. 103), AND
TAKE MOST APPROPRIATE MEASURES AVAILABLE FOR
MAINTENANCE OF CHANCERY AND YOUR RESIDENCE (E.G.
REQUEST DUE CARE TO REGIONAL AUTHORITY AND ENTRUST
THEIR MAINTENANCE TO DEPENDABLE LEBANESE CLERK OF
EMBASSY).

FROM: MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JAPAN UNQUOTE. END TEXT.
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